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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. McGeorge Bundy  
Special Assistant to the President

FILE

Here is the Cuban question and proposed answer for the Defense  
portion of your book. The book has already gone over, with a  
statement that the answer to this question would be supplied later, so  
the matter is in your hands.

Question. A Miami newspaper the other day stated that you  
had directed the Pentagon to cut down on restrictions on the  
enlistment of Cubans in the U. S. Armed Forces and enlist some  
6,000. Is this true? And if so, what steps has the Defense  
Department taken to comply with your directive?

Answer: The story is not correct. The Defense Department  
has, I understand, been preparing a plan which would make it less  
difficult for Cuban Nationals who wish to enlist in our own Armed  
Forces to do so, by permitting them to take their basic training  
in all-Cuban units and in the Spanish language. I do not know that  
there has been any estimate of the number of Cubans who may  
choose to avail themselves of this opportunity.

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